Hindi Typewriters in the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs

†3922. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of such offices under the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs where there is not a single Hindi typewriter so far;

(b) the reasons for not purchasing the Hindi typewriters so far and the officers responsible for such kind of negligence; and

(c) the action taken to ensure the compliance of targets fixed for the purchase of Hindi typewriter by Department of Official Language in its annual Hindi programme?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFIARS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI) : (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Demand of Lawyers on Strike

3923. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) What are the main demands of the lawyers including modifications in law who have been on strike for over a month indicating the impugned provisions protested against;

(b) what steps have been taken to resolve the issues involved;

(c) the arrears of pending cases with the Supreme Court and High Courts at the beginning of the strike and how far it swelled by the end of strike or till April, 2000; and

(d) the number of under-trials with charges of bailable offences who could not be bailed out due to strike ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI) : (a) and (b) The main demands of the lawyers are (a) that the proposed amendments to the Civil Procedure Code be notified only after discussions with the Bar, (b) that the entry of foreign lawyers in

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